

**CALFED Ecosystem Roundtable
Meeting Notes for September 14, 1999**

Roundtable members (or their alternates) and liaisons present:

Gary Bobker (The Bay Institute)	John Mills (RCRC) via phone
Amy Fowler (SCVWD)	Hari Modi (NCPA)
Dan Fults (Friant Water Users)	Jason Peltier (CVPWA)
Bill Gaines (CWA)	David Yargas (EDF)
Greg Gartrell (CCWD)	Tom Zuckerman (CDWA)
Walt Hoye (MWD)	Perry Herrgesell (DFG)
Dan Keppen (NCWA)	Patrick Leonard (FWS)
Laura King (SLDMWA)	Susan Ramos (BOR)
Cynthia Koehler (Save the Bay)	Carolyn Yale (EPA)
Doug Lovell (CA Sportfishing Protection Alliance)	

Announcements

Jason Peltier announced that there will be an all day CVPIA Restoration Fund Roundtable meeting on October 7 at the Radisson Hotel in Edgewater A (through the main entrance). The morning will consist of "Restoration Fund 101" which explains the Restoration Fund and how it is allocated. The afternoon will be presentations by CVPIA Program Managers which will discuss 1999 accomplishments and FY2000 Annual Work Plans.

Restoration Coordinator's Update

Wendy Halverson Martin noted that the Roundtable agency liaisons will be increasing their role in exchange of information between the Roundtable and Policy Group. An Ecosystem Roundtable report will become a standing agenda item at all Bay Delta Advisory Committee and Policy Group meetings. She also mentioned the recent listing decisions made by the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding spring-run salmon. The spring-run was listed as threatened in the Central Valley evolutionarily significant unit (ESU) which may have implications for the CALFED program.

Discussion of FY 2000 Implementation Plan

Wendy Halverson Martin discussed the FY2000 Implementation Plan and how comments made by the public and Roundtable were addressed. Terry Mills of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program explained the scientific connection between the Implementation Plan and the ERP. The Roundtable suggested that the FY2000 Implementation Plan and any 1999 proposals which relate to them should be reviewed by a Science Panel prior to the next Roundtable meeting. The Science Panel should examine projects in relation to both the 1999 and 2000 priorities and alternatives above the amount of money available should be recommended. The requested that the results of the Science Panel meeting be provided to the Issues Subcommittee.

Additional 1999 Watershed Projects

Roundtable members were reminded of the Conflict of Interest protocols and were asked to make any declarations prior to discussing the watershed projects. No conflicts were declared. Because a small number of watershed projects were funded in the last funding round, the

CALFED Policy Group requested that additional watershed projects be identified from the 1999 proposal solicitation. Wendy Halverson Martin presented nine watershed projects totaling approximately 2 million dollars.

Some Roundtable members expressed frustration that the Policy Group directed these projects to be selected without following the outlined process. They asked for additional details on how these projects were selected and suggested that these projects be subject to the same review process as the FY2000 Implementation Plan and projects for FY2000.

Public Comment

A member of the Yolo County Resource Conservation District commented that agricultural issues need to be an integral part of our program.

A member of the Cache Creek Conservancy voiced support for the non-native invasive species program, noting that non-native species need to be dealt with prior to spending a lot of money on restoration activities.

A project proponent commented on the importance of his project regarding a genetic plan for salmon which was identified as a focused action in the last Proposal Solicitation Package.

A representative from CSU Chico commented that the recent fires in the Chico area have altered the nature of watershed projects in those upper watersheds. It was noted that the effects of those fires are of interest to the program.